



# Fourth Grade Hoosier Student Essay Bicentennial Competition and Beyond!

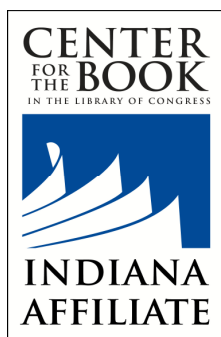
**How did the Bicentennial change you?**

**Write an essay and you could be honored at a Statehood Day celebration!**

The Indiana State House Tour Office in conjunction with the Indiana Center for the Book and the Indiana State Library is hosting an essay competition to commemorate Indiana Statehood Day 2016, a celebration of Indiana's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday! This year's theme is *Hoosier Bicentennial and Beyond!* Winners of the *Hoosier Bicentennial and Beyond!* essay contest will be honored at the Statehood Day Celebration at one of four participating locations on Friday, December 9, 2016. View this information online at: <http://www.in.gov/library/statehood.htm>. For additional information regarding events planned for Statehood Day, please visit <http://www.in.gov/idoa/2371.htm>.

## Essay contest rules:

- The competition is open to **any Indiana fourth grade** public, private or homeschooled student in the 2016-2017 school year.
- Essays must range from **100 to 300** words, handwritten or typed.
- Essays should be submitted with the following information: **student name, teacher name, school name, school address, school telephone number, and a valid email address** for the teacher or individual **must** be included. Entries without this information will be deemed ineligible. Entries are accepted from schools or individuals.
- **Essays should be reflective of the theme** and convey clear thoughts about the theme, *Hoosier Bicentennial and Beyond!* The judges will be accepting a broad interpretation of the theme. Indiana is about to turn 200. *How have you celebrated? How has this changed you? What is next for Indiana?*
- **Mailed essays must be postmarked by Friday, October 21, 2016.**  
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- Entries may also be emailed to [suwalker@library.in.gov](mailto:suwalker@library.in.gov) by 5:00 PM Oct. 21, 2016
- A panel of judges will choose **first, second, third, and fourth** place winners.



**The winners, along with their class, will be invited to read his or her essay at one of the four participating locations on December 9 for Indiana's 200th Statehood Day.**

